

HON. JOSEPH MARTIN

Eulogized by Winnipeg "Tribune."

The Election of His Government in British Columbia Would Be a Blessing Not Only to This Province, but to the Whole Dominion—A Truthful, Impartial Account of His Career in Manitoba.

SPECIAL TO "THE WORLD."

Winnipeg, Man., May 31.—The Winnipeg Tribune, under the heading "British Columbia Elections," says editorially :

"In less than two weeks the contest in British Columbia will be decided, and it will be a great thing, not only for that province, but for the whole Dominion, should Mr. Martin be returned to power. That issue is still in doubt, though indications are now most favorable—as a result of the most wonderful fight ever put up in any province by one man single-handed. If the people of British Columbia but knew Mr. Martin as we in Manitoba do there would not be the slightest doubt that they would respond in a tremendous majority to the opportunity of putting him in power to carry out his policy and to fulfil his pledges.

"Though not at the head of the Government, Mr. Martin, in three short years, did more in Manitoba for the public good than any other man before or since in any length of time. He put the executive administration of the province on a businesslike, economical footing. Thorough efficiency was introduced, and great reductions in expenditure were made. Important legal reforms were accomplished, railway monopoly was broken, freight rates were lowered, hundreds of miles of railway were built at but a fraction of the cost in public aid borne by this province alone of any of the roads provided for by the Dominion Government. If he had had his way bonding powers would have been kept down to actual requirements of the roads. The separate school system was abolished and a single system of public schools for all races and creeds was established.

"All this, as we have said, was done in three years. Later on the Remedial Bill was defeated at Ottawa; others aided, but without Mr. Martin it would not

have been done.

"Mr. Martin's private life has been attacked, not openly, but by rumors and innuendo passed from mouth to mouth, and growing on their journey. If every man were banished from our public life who is no better endowed with the virtues of private life than Mr. Martin, few leaders in either party would remain in our Legislatures. Mr. Martin has been singled out for this form of stabbing in the dark because of his public virtues. In righteousness of conduct in the performance of his public duties, in strict fulfilment of his duties as a legislator and public man, in his faithful adherence to the high standard of duty in his relations as a politician to the people, in his absolute trustworthiness in the position of public trust, Mr. Martin stands far above his enemies and opponents. To these merits he adds genuine statesmanship, fearlessness and force. Compared with him, his enemies and opponents are small, peddling, parish politicians. His victory in British Columbia will mean a new and better era, a new and life-stirring impulse that will be felt in public affairs, not only in that province, but in the whole Dominion from end to end."

Your correspondent has met numbers of leading Liberals and Conservatives, all of whom signify the hope that British Columbia will elect Mr. Martin's Government, as no greater blessing could befall the Pacific province and country. IF MR. MARTIN TOOK UP HIS RESIDENCE IN MANITOBA TO-MORROW HE WOULD BE ELECTED TO ANY ENGLISH RIDING IN THE PROVINCE, AND EVEN AS A RESIDENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA HE COULD MAKE A BIG RUN IN WINNIPEG. Several members of the local Legislature, both Conservative and Liberal, are among those who hope for his success on account of his railway platform.